



**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

*Maryland's Social Services Agency*



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**KENT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE HOST  
FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARD**

**BALTIMORE** – Kent County Department of Social Services will host its fourth annual Community Excellence Awards ceremony on May 26, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church located in Chestertown, MD. This event honors staff, foster parents and community partners whose combined efforts represent the event's theme, "pieces of the puzzle that combine to complete the big picture."

"This is our way of saying thank you and acknowledging the positive outcomes that occur when all aspects of the community come together to assist our fragile families and children," said Kerry Ahearn-Brown, director of Kent County DSS. Over 100 people including staff and community partners will attend this event.

The event's guest speaker, Department of Human Resources' Deputy Secretary Stacy Rodgers, will bring greetings from Governor Martin O'Malley and DHR Secretary Brenda Donald. Rodgers and Ahearn-Brown will announce the winners and present awards to the Foster Parent of the Year, Foster Youth of the Year, Staff of the Year and Community Partner of the Year.

Who: Kent County Department of Social Services

What: Fourth Annual Community Excellence Award

When: May 26, 2010, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: First United Methodist Church  
105 North Mill Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620

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